

HOUSE BILL 3563
By Cobb

AN ACT to name the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy in Bedford County in honor of former Representative Clarence "Pete" Phillips.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should permanently commemorate the accomplishments of those statesmen who have served this State with the greatest acumen and dedication; and

WHEREAS, throughout his thirty-year tenure in the General Assembly, Representative Clarence "Pete" Phillips served his constituents and all other citizens of Tennessee with the utmost professionalism, probity, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Representative Phillips also distinguished himself as a true friend of the fire service and firefighters everywhere; he worked tirelessly to garner support and secure funding for the new Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy in Bedford County, which forms the majority of his former district; and

WHEREAS, when shortfalls in the state budget delayed the opening of the new Academy, Pete Phillips fought with determination and conviction to provide adequate funding therefor and thus make this state-of-the-art facility operational in protecting and serving the public safety; and

WHEREAS, Pete Phillips ensured the health, welfare, and safety of both present and future Tennesseans by working to make the new Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy a reality; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy in Bedford County is hereby named in honor of Representative Clarence "Pete" Phillips as a lasting tribute to one of the most outstanding

citizens and public servants this State has ever produced and his instrumental role in founding and securing funds for the Academy.

SECTION 2. The State Fire Marshal is directed to erect or affix suitable signs designating the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy in Bedford County as the "Clarence 'Pete' Phillips Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.